

CERTIFICATION RENEWAL STATUS

*For Michigan Department of Environmental Quality,
Environmental Science & Services Division
Certified Waterworks Operators*

Individuals writing and passing a certification examination are issued certificates on the basis of a 3-year renewal cycle. This applies regardless of the number of certificates already held. The expiration date of the certification is extended so that it coincides with the **expiration date** for the exam most recently passed.

Individuals renewing a certificate are issued certificates on a 3-year renewal cycle provided they have met the continuing education renewal requirement for the highest level of certification held and submitted the completed renewal application. A certificate will expire on one of the quarterly expiration dates, as shown below, regardless of the calendar year.

Persons with an expired certificate are eligible for employment at a waterworks system; however, they cannot serve as the “operator in charge” or “back-up operator” of a distribution system, a treatment system or a shift at a water treatment plant.

A certificate that has expired may be reinstated within 1-year from the expiration date of the certificate only when an individual has completed the necessary continuing education requirements as prorated from the certificate’s expiration date. **If a certificate is not reinstated within 1-year, the individual will no longer hold any drinking water certification and will be required to re-test for the desired certification.**

Quarterly <u>Expiration Dates</u> regardless of calendar year	January 15	April 15	July 15	October 15
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The following is a guide to help calculate the prorated CEC’s for the **expired** D, DR, F, FR and/or S, SR certifications held.

Certification Level Held	Renewal CEC’s needed	1 to 90 days expired	91 to 180 days expired	181 to 270 days expired	271 to 365 days expired
1, 2, or 3	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.2
4	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6
5	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2

For example, if an individual wrote and passed a fall 2005 exam, the issue date would be the day of the exam, 11/2/2005. Three years out would be in November 2008, but the closest future quarterly expiration date is January 15, 2009. If the individual did not meet the renewal CEC’s needed, the schedule above would apply. The days denoted in the table above are an approximation since the DEQ works with quarterly expiration dates only. **There is no flexibility in this policy. It is the certified operator’s responsibility to maintain a training history and be able to verify any training attended, and to submit a renewal application no sooner than 8 weeks prior to certification expiration.**

A renewal applicant who does not meet the continuing education requirements for the higher certification levels (1, 2 or 3) but meets the continuing education requirements for the level 4, may choose to renew at the 4 level and give up the higher certification level. The request to give up the higher level certification level and be renewed as a 4 level must be in writing.

Certified operators can check their CEC’s and certification status online at:
<http://www.michigan.gov/deqoperatortraining>

Certified operators due to expire can generate a renewal application online 8 weeks or less prior to expiration by clicking on the link “Check Your Drinking Water CEC’s Online and Approved Courses” to open the Operator Training & Certification Information System (OTCIS) page. Use the navigation tools on the left side of the OTCIS page to search out operator information by last name or operator ID.

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Other Organizations Sponsoring or Conducting Michigan Advisory Board-Approved Training Courses:*

AIS Construction Equipment Corp.; 517-321-8000
Alexander Chemical Corporation; 219-393-5558
American Flow Control; 616-292-1502
American Groundwater Trust; 603-228-5444
APWA-Michigan Chapter; 248-524-3390
Argus Group/Enviroair Cons., Inc.; 800-873-0456
BATCO; 517-531-4455
Bay de Noc Comm. College; 906-786-5802, X 1110
Camp, Dresser, & McKee; 517-702-1213
CGS Incorporated; 248-477-6327
Delisle Associates LTD.; 269-373-4500
Delta Charter Township Utility Dept.; 517-323-8570
Delta College; 989-686-9071
Ductile Iron Pipe Research Assoc.; 219-464-4075
East Jordan Iron Works; 616-538-2040
Hydro-Designs, Inc.; 248-335-3122
ISCO Industries LLC; 248-625-7577
ITT Flygt Corporation; 262-544-1922 X 134
Jack Doheny Supplies, Inc.; 248-349-0904
L. Lee Stryker College-Kalamazoo, 269-337-7355
Lake Superior State University; 906-635-2431
Layne-Northern Company; 517-323-4931
LBCC/NPS; 541-917-4628
Macomb Community College; 586-498-4056
MDEQ-Operator Training; 517-241-7199
MDEQ-Type II Systems; 517-241-1362
MDEQ-Water, Groundwater Section; 517-241-1355
MI ABPA-Michigan Chapter; 248-335-3122- X214
Mich. Plumbing & Mechanical Contr.; 517-484-5500
Mich. Public Service Institute; CMU; 231-795-5536
Michigan HazMat Training Center; 517-322-1853
Michigan Municipal League; 734-669-6310
Michigan Rural Water Association; 989-539-4111
Michigan Section AWWA and MDEQ; 517-241-7199

Michigan State University; 800-356-5705
Michigan Water Environment Assn.; 517- 641-7377
Midwest Backflow Prevention; 313-532-1964
Millcreek Management Tech.; 425-337-7062
Minnesota Rural Water Assn.; 800-367-6792
Mueller Company; 217-425-7208
National Technology Transfer; 303-957-4378
NES-Worksafe; 800-783-4626
Oden Training; 248-623-3232
Ottawa Co. Road Commission; 616-850-7218
Page Glasgow & Associates LLC; 248-362-3600
Peerless-Midwest; 616-527-0050
PVS Technologies; 313-571-1100
SMW & SUA; 248-625-8222
Technical Learning College; 866-557-1746
The Gorman-Rupp Company; 419-529-4042
Tucker, Young, Jackson, Tull; 313-963-0612
Waterford Township; 248-618-7456
Waterworks Systems & Equip.; 810-231-1200 X 11
Wayne State University; 313-577-3807
West Michigan Operators Assoc.; 616-669-5290
Ypsilanti Comm. Utilities Authority; 734-484-4600
Young's Environmental Cleanup, Inc.; 810-789-7155

Approved Online Learning Organizations

<http://www.360water.com>

<http://www.awwa.org/learnonline>

<http://www.ceuplan.com>

Expense Reimbursement Providers

<http://www.awwa.org/learnonline>

(click on the Michigan Students link)

Michigan Rural Water Association; 989-539-4111

Ronald J. Holben; 517-663-6530

Also approved are "water related" courses sponsored by *CEU User* members and *Certified Providers* of the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) or the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET). To receive credit for IACET or ACCET drinking water related courses, provide a copy of the course certificate and agenda. **For a complete listing of all approved courses and providers on our website. <http://www.michigan.gov/operatortraining>**

**Credits awarded for these courses vary and it is likely that not every course offered by this organization has been approved. Contact respective organizations for date of next course offering and credit information. If you are unable to obtain training opportunities from any organization listed above, please notify Matt Tomlinson at 517-241-8913, or email tomlinsm@michigan.gov.*